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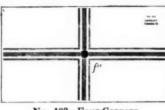
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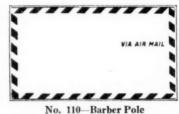


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Precancel Classics

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HIS subject has been tampered with several times by other writers so once more will not do a great deal of harm to any old hobby. Some months

ago one of our leading philatelic publications carried an advertisement, three inches in extent, of a retired officer of the United States Navy. He was interested in the cancellations of the U. S. Battleship Post Offices and listed his requirements in detail. Practically every thing from this source was wanted with one exception, and that was the PRECANCEL. Now that was the PRECANCEL. Now the old applecart is upside down. These U. S. Battleship Post Offices have been precancelling stamps for years. How many years? That is an enormous question.

Let me assure you in the beginning of one thing, the items that I have to work with are meager in the extreme. In over three years we have had the pleasure to see just three of these BATTLESHIP PRECANCELS. As this is an entirely new branch of philately with great possibilities we shall give its history up to date.

Over three years ago Wm. Hornbeck and the writer were seated in the club rooms of the Philatelic Club of Los Angeles, Mr. Roy Bryant entered, approached us, and presented Mr. Hornbeck with two stamps which were hinged to-gether. These stamps were passed to me and my opinion requested regarding their status as precancels. The stamps were the 10 cent of the issue of 1908 or 1910 and each had been handstamped in one line "U.S.S. CALIFORNIA". The style of type face is almost a reproduction of that used in the Beaumont, Calif., Type 1, as illustrated in the Standard Precancel

Catalogue. Without any hesitation whatever I pronounced them precancels. Being a good little begger I told Hornbeck that one of them was badly needed for my TOWN TYPE COLLECTION of precancels and with Mr. Bryant's consent one of them fell into my collection. The name "TOWN TYPE" is now obsolete. When I arrived home I made reference to the World Almanac for data rethe World Almanac for data regarding the U. S. S. California and found that this ship was completed in 1921. Naturally that caused me to have grave doubts that the stamps were really precancels.

About six months later I made a call to the home of one of my collector friends and he had as his guest an ardent precancel collector This friend was displaying his Califorhia Precancels and placed his finger on one specimen and asked what we knew about it. This stamp was a 10 cent of 1922 or 1926 and was precancelled "U. S. S. CALIFORNIA" in two lines and between lines and was an electro. The style of type face is different from any that I have seen in precancels from our land post offices. Naturally this specimen substantiated my decision regarding the two stamps of the Bryant find. They are real PRE-CANCEL CLASSICS. The introduction of precancels on the U.S. Battleships followed the general trend of their introduction into the land post offices; that is they were first provisionals and then fol-lowed by the hand-stamp or elec-

Inquiry at the San Pedro Post Office regarding these precancels revealed the following:-

San Pedro is the winter quarters of the U.S. Battleship Fleet.

The San Pedro Post Office supplies the fleet with stamps.

A clerk in the San Pedro Office informed me that he had seen these precancels from the fleet pass through that office for "years'

I have been informed that the San Pedro Post Office has not precancelled any stamps for the fleet.

I have never contacted any per-son who could state that he had seen a printing press on any of our battleships.

Obviously vast possibilities are opened up by this new source of precancels. Where have all of the old ones gone and why have they not been found before?

Observing the young men who enter the Navy Recruiting Stations I take it that they are from the rural districts and are desirous of seeing the world. Odd things in other pats of the world naturally attract one and these are sent home to the rural districts and so the precancels are lost. That no doubt accounts for their scarcity and three being those known in at least ten years certainly justifies the word SCARCE in its full meaning. We can get a real idea of the FAVOR PROPOSITION from what turns up in the next ten years.

The great big possibility that exists with these Battleship Precancels is that they may be pre-cancelled at the Government Printing Office, in which case Precan-celdom would have what might be termed a SUB-BUREAU. At any rate we have a new chapter to add to the Standard Precancel Catalog.

Several individuals have seen two of these precancels but the writer is the only person who has seen all three of them. I would like to see any that collectors might think were Battleship Precancels.

The World in Review

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Timely, authentic and complete information on new issues, unlisted varieties, projected philatelic events, etc., is the aim of this department. We will deeply appreciate all contributions of this nature from our readers, and full credit will be given in each case. All contributions should if possible be accompanied by specimens of the stamps concerned, which will be returned promptly.

EDITED BY

RAY SHEPARD, 1529 DUXBERRY AVE., COLUMBUS, O.

UNITED STATES-Ohio Cigarette Tax Stamps. It has been definitely decided to issue the three following values:

le Olive Green

2c Red 5c Blue

The size of these stamps will be 1x11/8". They will be printed in sheets of 100, perforated, on wove safety paper and watermarked. The initial order is for 200 million; 10 million each of the 1c & 5c and 180 million of the 2c. The deliv-180 million of the 2c. The delivery of the first lot will be 20 million on Aug. 20th, followed by 100 million on Sept. 1st and the ballance on Oct. 1st. The work is being done by the Columbia Bank Note Company, Chicago, Ill.

(Wm. V. Miller)

ABYSSINIA-Inverted surcharge on Scott's No. 221. A copy of this has just been received, so we list:

No. 221a-Inverted surcharge.

(Marks Stamp Co.)

ABYSSINIA — The air-post stamps listed in our June 13th number reported a 2 gu. value. We now learn that the 3gu. was issued in its place. The only color announced thus far is that of the 4gu., which is violet.

(Philatelic Magazine)

ALBANIA-To mark the first flight from the Albanian capital of Tirana, to Rome the current air stamps have been suitably overprinted. There are 5000 complete sets up to the 3fr and 13,000 up to the 50 quintar. Date of issue was July 6th.

(Philatelic Magazine)

ANDORRA-In addition to the 20fr. noted in our July 25th number, we learn that the stamps listed the following summary have all been similarly over-printed:

Stamps of France 1900-30

1½c (on 1c) to 1fr50 small overprint, 18 values
 2fr.—20fr. large overprint, 5 values

Postage Due Stamps of France 1893-1926 5c-3fr. small overprint, 8 values

1908-29

1c 5fr (on 1fr) small overprint, 5

(Philatelie Magazine)

AUSTRIA - The Rotary Convention stamps have reached this country and the set we have are remarkably well printed, the overprint being clear and well placed on the face of the stamps. striking thought in connection with this set is the overprint being in English, on an Austrian stamp.

AUSTRIA-The Poets Series, as announced in our June 27th number, has been re-designed the AU-THORS' SERIES and the following portraits have been announced for the various values:

- 10 gr. Ludwig Anzengruber (Nov. 29, 1839-Dec. 10, 1889) Author of mel-ancholy plays concerning peasant life. Also a novelist and short story writer.
- 20 gr. Franz Grillparzer (Jan. 15, 1791 -Jan. 21, 1872) "The greatest dra-matic poet of Austria". A civil servant who devoted his leisure time to writing. His 80th birthday was celebrated as a national festival,
- 30 gr. J. Nestroy (1801-1862) Play-wright and cultivator of the Vien-nese farce and fairy play.
- 40 gr. Ferdinand Raimund (June 1, 1790-Sept. 5, 1836) An actor who turned dramatist and humorous au-thor. Committed suicide.
- 50 gr. Peter Rosegger (July 31, 1843-? 1918) Poet and novelist, who started life as a farm boy, being later apprenticed to a journeyman tailor. His poems are in the Styrian dialect, as he came from Alpl in
- 1 sch. Adalbert Stifter (Oct. 23, 1865-Jan. 28, 1868) Son of a linen weaver. A school inspector, he found time for writing and his studies of the countryside and rural life are con-sidered some of the best among German prose.

These stamps will be sold for double face value.

(Philatelic Magazine)

LATE ARRIVALS

Bahamas A12, 2sh, 3sh	\$1.60
Bolivia A71, 2c, 45c, 2 var.	
Chile Aero A46, 10p, watermarked	
Fr. Andorre A16-8-20-2, 1c to 5f, 20var.	
A18, 10f at60; 20f at	
Iceland Zeppelin A8, 30a, 1k, 2k	
A8, 10k yellow green and black	
Irish Free State, new 2p blue	
Italian Somaliland A95, 50c purple	
Italy New 2c deep orange	
New Guinea "O. S." 1d to 1sh, 9 var,	
Paraguay A47, 50c gray blue "C"	.03
Persia A44, 1k carmine and blue	
Philippine Is, "O. B." A40-SD2, 11 var.	
Portugal St. Anthony Comm., 6 var. cpl.	
S. W. A. A13-4, 3d red and black, pair	
A25/36, Officials, 1/2, 1, 2, 6d, 4 pairs	

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BAHAMAS—The remainders of the Tercentenary issue and the Queen's Staircase design, have been burned.

(Philatelic Magazine)

noted in our July 4th number were due to be issued July 21st and the following designs are listed. We also note the addition of the \$1 value, not listed in our previous notes.

1c green Ploughing in a rice field (420,000)

2c brown West Indian shooting fish and King's head. (5,000,000) 4c red View of Kaietiur Falls on the Upper Potaro River in Essequibo.

(600,000)

6c blue Public Buildings of Geo town, Demerara. (240,000) \$1 mauve Same as 4c. (24,000) of George-

(Philatelic Magazine)

BULGARIA-We are informed that of the Belgium Wedding stamps issued in December of last year there were also issued 55 especially printed blocks of four. Each block containing one each of the four values of the set. The special blocks are printed in the same colors as the regular stamps perf. 11-½. They were presented to the British, Italian and Bulgarian Royal Courts, the Foreign Ministers Plenipotentiaries in Sofia, Bulgarian Ministers and other prominent persons.

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

CHINA-A series of stamps to commemorate the successful conclusion of the Kuomingtang Revolution has been ordered. The set is to have 17 values in all.

1c (design not noted)
2c, 4c, 10c, \$1, \$2, & \$5 (portrait of Dr. Sun Yat Sen)
6c & 7c (portrait of Liao Chung K'ai)
8c & 12c (Chu Chih Hsin)
15c & 16c (Sung Chiao Jen)
5c (Teng Ken)
25c (Hwang Husing)
30c & 50c (portrait of Ch'en Ch'i Mei)

The following numbers have been withdrawn from circulation: 198, 199, 200, 201, 225, 226, 227, 228, 252, 253, 254, 255, 264, 265, 266 and

Also the air mail stamps issued during 1930.

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

CURACAO-2-1/2c on 3c. Remainders of this provisional were destroyed, upon the appearance of the new 2-1/2c.

(Philatelic Magazine)

FRANCE-The 3fr and 10fr pictorials have been re-engraved. The design is bolder and the shade a little deeper in each case.

(Philatelic Magazine)

FRANCE-Postage dues in new

D4 1fr blue green D4 2fr sepia

(Economist Stamp Co.)

GERMANY-Three values are to be issued on the occasion of the flight of the Zepp to the North Pole 1m, 2m & 4m. Design as before, but with special inscription or overprint.

(Philatelic Magazine)

GIBRALTAR-New pictorials of identical design. Large horizontal format, they show a view of the harbor, with the Rock behind it. The foreground is a seascape with vessels under steam. An oval vignette at the top right hand corner shows the King's head and the top left the coat of arms. Issued on July 1st. Script wmk. perf.

1d. red 1½d. brown

(Philatelic Magazine)

GREAT BRITAIN-Reports state that the 10d value is to be dropped from the current series and that it is already unobtainable at some offices.

(Philatelic Magazine)

GREAT BRITAIN Offices in Morocco - 5sh Carmine overprinted MOROCCO AGENCIES, similar to Scott's No. 83.

(Economist Stamp Co.)

HUNGARY-Copies are at hand of the three provisional postage dues reported in our June 20th

(Economist Stamp Co.)

ICELAND-New 10kr. Scott's type A8, head in black and border in yellow green, on paper wmk.

(A. Harold Kirkpatrick)

INDIA - Charkhari. Lithographed pictorials, properly gum-med and perforated have been issued for this Native State.

Ja blue green (View of the Lake)
In deep sepia (Imlia Palace)
2a mauve (Industrial School)
4a bright olive-green (Bird's eye view
of City)
8a magranta (The Fort)
1r green & red (Guest House)
2r red & brown (Palace Gate)
3r brown & blue green (Temple) at
Rainpur)
5r bright blue & mauve (Temple)

5r bright blue & mauve (Temple)

(Philatelic Magazine)

JAMAICA-Two new pictorials are on order.

21.d. green & blue (View of Castle-ton St. Andrew) 6d. grey-black & purple (View of Priestman's River, Portland)

(Philatelic Magazine)

KENYA-There is a possibility of a pictorial issue for this colony, which has since 1922 used the fa-

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miliar King's head type. change is likely to effect all values up to the 1/-. The Nairobi Chamber of Commerce is urging the issue on the grounds of the public-ity value of stamps showing views of the country or other subjects of interest.

(Philatelic Magazine)

LUXEMBURG-60c Withdrawal. As there is no postal rate for this value, it is to be with-drawn from circulation. Two new values are reported, both line engraved: unwmk:

1½fr. myrtle green (Queen's head) 20fr. olive green (Pictorial showing the Ville Basse)

Both of the above have been issued as officials also.

(Philatelic Magazine)

NEW GUINEA-The 10th Anniversary of British Occupation is to be marked with a special issue due this month. The subject of the design is to be the bird of paradise. The service stamps will receive a block overprint.

(Philatelic Magazine)

NEWFOUNDLAND-The \$1.00 air mail stamp on ordinary paper is now reported exhausted.

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

NICARAGUA - Concerning the recent bisects from this country, we quote from Scott's Monthly Journal for July 1931:

"'Referring to your communi-cation of the 19th instant relative to a letter dispatched from this office (Greneda, Nicaragua) bear-ing one-half of a six cent stamp, wish to inform you that this office had to take such action of dividing some stamps in two because of the earthquake and fire which occurred in the city of Managua, capital of this republic, during which the supply of the General Office of Communication for the use in the

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'On account of the earthquake * * * a great number of families and commercial institutions were transferred to this city (Grenada) and all of this made it necessary to use some stamps divided in two. thus the reason for your having the half of a stamp, which represents three cents.'

Scott's further say that they do not "anticipate listing any of these bisects unless it be shown that a definite order authorizing the sale of bisects had been promulgated".

PAPUA-The provisional 2d on 1-1/2 listed in our May 2nd issue, has turned up in a Mullett print. It is much paler, but the chief dif-ference is that the wmk. is to the right in the Mullett and to the left in the ordinary print.

2d New Shade-The current 2d has been issued in a paler center than usual and the frame in a distinct reddish shade of mauve instead of the normal mauve.
(Philatelic Magazine)

PERSIA-Three additional values of the new designs are reported:

9 ch ultramarine & orange 12 ch turquoise & Lake 1 kran, carmine & turquoise

(Philatelic Magazine)

PORTUGAL-Additional values in the Lusiadas type:

\$1.20 olive green \$2.00 violet

\$4.50 orange

(Philatelic Magazine)

ROUMANIA-The marriage on July 26 of Prince Carol's sister, Princess Ileana, to Archduke Anton of Hapsburg, may be made the occasion for a new series of stamps.

(Philatelic Magazine)

STAITS SETTLEMENTS-Federated Malay States. The issue of the \$2 & \$5 values for this colony is imminent, both values will appear on script paper.

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SYRIA-Two more values of the permanent air post designs have appeared.

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publisher of a Weekly Stamp Publication hears and learns lots of things which if they could be broadcasted to the readers im-mediately would frequently save some of them from getting gypped On the other hand there are a class of collectors who if warned would take the chance and get gypped just the same.
Frequently advertisements are

printed which on the face of them warn any sensible collector that he is taking a chance in remitting money to the party whose address is attached to the advertisement.

It must be understood that we are not speaking of advertisements that appear only in this paper Such advertisements appear in all of the papers and it is up to the collector to use sound judgment in replying to some of them.

To our way of thinking, perhaps the most foolish thing a collector does is to persist in picking out the names of dealers who are not regular advertisers, those who pop in and out from time to time.

Any collector ought soon learn who are the substantial and reliable people by noting their regular advertising. We do not mean by this that those who do not advertise regularly, are unreliable, but we do mean that those dealers who use space week after week, month after month, year in and year out are dealers whose adver-

tisements can be trusted.
Too frequently the collector will note an offer of certain stamps at a price that is far below what the same stamps are offered for by others. Such an offer should create suspicion rather than an intention to remit good money for the stamps.

What we are leading up to is a case that is now before us and which looks on the face of it as though someone was working col-lectors for their loose change. We have reference to recent offers of the U.S. Zeppelin stamps both in our paper and in other papers.

Recently a Columbus collector called us on the phone and asked our opinion of a very low price quoted for a set of the Zeppelin stamps. He wished to know if we knew if the party making the of-fer was reliable. We advised him that we knew nothing of the party, that the advertisement was not in our paper and that at the price the stamps were offered we would consider it a very doubtful investment. When dealers are standing ready to pay as much as \$12 to \$13.50 per set for singles and upward from \$50 to \$60 for sets of blocks, any offer of these stamps in an advertisement at 20 to 30% below these prices should create suspicion in the mind of the collector rather than an urge to send his good money for the stamps.

On the other hand, the publisher of a paper has no knowledge but what the party making the offer may be reliable, may want quick cash and may be unfamiliar with the actual current market value of these stamps. Thus when advertising copy offering stamps of this class at a low price is submitted with cash for insertion of same there is nothing left but for the publisher to print the copy.

In our own publication of a recent date there was an advertisement from a party in Boston by the name of John Kelley. Already complaints regarding this advertisement have reached us and we have a letter from a reader in Revere, Mass., which is of much interest.

Among other things there is enclosed a newspaper clipping which we print herewith:

SOUTH END YOUTH MISSING TWO DAYS

Metropolitan and Boston police were attempting to solve the mysterious disappearance of John Kelley, a stamp collector who roomed at 17 West Dedham street, South end. He left home Monday to go swimming at Revere Beach, and has not returned.

He hired a locker at the state bath house, Monday morning and failed to return for his clothes. After searching for his body in the water along the beach the metropolitan police notified Boston po-

A note was found in his room saying that he would return by 8 P. M. Monday. He rented the room at West Dedham street, two weeks ago, and told the landlady he would have his clothes sent from Providence, where he formerly roomed.

Along with this clipping came the letter from our reader from which we take the following information.

advertisement bore The name of John Kelley. Our reader's name happens to be Charles Kelley and he formerly lived at 17 E. Dedham st., while the address of John Kelley was 17 W. Dedham St., which is just across the street in plain view of the other address. Our correspondent says, "that was three years ago. I am 19 and have been an enthusiastic collector of specialized U. S. for about five years. Monday evening, July 20, I received a telegram for J. Kelley at above address ordering about \$80 worth of stamps from C. B. Simms of Pittsburgh and naturally did not know what it was about. (The telegram had been signed for and brought to me by a former Saturday, a friend neighbor.) showed me the advertisement in Linn's and on Monday I went to the address to investigate. I found that a 'John' Kelley about 20-22, lived there and was expected at

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The enclosed news item (re-printed above) taken from this mornings' 'Boston Herald' clears the matter. He has undoubtedly skipped because no money was found in the clothes found in the locker. I am going to re-port the stamp version of the story to the police immediately when I get out of work today. I believe that this will cause them to discontinue their theory that he drowned. I believe that about two years ago a J. Kelley tried the same trick according to a Herald reporter. This letter will probably explain to many of Linn's readers why they have been gypped.'

There is the story. An exceedingly low price on stamps that everyone wants brings the dollars from the collectors who sould first learn of the reliability of the peo-ple with whom they do business.

One of the best safeguards that a collector can use is to stay away from price quotations that are so far below others figures that they look suspicious.

Another thing that would help in situations of this sort would be some real activity on the part of our postal inspectors. Situations of this sort should be followed up by these postal inspectors. The man can undoubtedly be traced. He should be caught and punished. A term in jail will cure them or at least put them where they can not continue this sort of business.

The collector himself however, should be more particular about the people that he deals with. There are enough advertisers who have been in business for many years that one does not have to be tempted by the catch penny offers which on the face of them should discourage anyone from sending real money to the man making the offer.

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The first one, I think. It is a handsome stamp and I was much pleased and relieved when it appeared. I knew one was to be issued, and was afraid that they would picture me with a knife between my teeth, chasing the pirates on the Barbary Coast. Well, Captain, would you not like

to see a new one copied from the famous picture in the Capitol, where you are shown leaving the sinking Lawrence? And beneath it your famous words "We have met the enemy and they are ours.

No, frankly, I would not. That message to Congress was rather bombastic, but I had a good reason for sending it in that way. Up to and even during the war of 1812 it had been almost impossible to make Congress realize the necessity for our having a navy at all. It was with great difficulty that I secured the money to collect the fleet on Lake Erie and meet the British, and they had grave doubts as to my success, so I sent that message to impress them with

But I'll tell you what I would like. I would like a new stamp with a picture of the monument erected to me at Put-in-Bay, Ohio, and recently dedicated. That is a monument not only to my victory but to the pact afterwards signed by the United States and Great Britain agreeing that neither would keep any armament on the Great Lakes or their shores.

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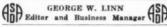
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KILOWARE The branch of trade which has come to be known universally as "kiloware" has not yet attained the popularity it deserves on the Brit-A kilo is a metric ish market. weight of 2.2 English pounds, and kiloware consists of a parcel of stamps to that weight, cut from envelopes or dockets before soaking off paper. For the most part these kilos originate from the sale by foreign governments, more enlightened in this respect than the British, of their waste material. When by efflusion of time stamped forms or dockets need be no longer kept, foreign governments do not destroy them in toto as the

British do. They first cut off the stamps and sell them to the stamp trade by auction, tender, or con-tract, as the case may be. The contracting dealers who acquire them offer them in turn to other dealers through the columns of "The Philatelic Trader," and that is how a very large number of stamps first come on to the mar-

KILO-COSTING The contents of a kilo naturally vary according to the amount of paper or thin card left on the stamps, but about 4,000 copies is a fair average. When costing this class of material the time taken in handling must be considered. When soaked (and, of course, nobody would dream of "floating" them) it will take a full day's work to "skin" them and lay them out to dry. Another day's work is involved in sorting and classifying, based on an eight-hour day and handling five hundred stamps per hour. Some stamps will take longer to handle than that, but at least two days' labour has to be added to the prime cost of the material. A further overhead charge must be added for mounting, or counting for wholesale, before they can be converted into cash. Nevertheless, provided one can provide the la-bour or spare the time, the "kilo" plan is undoubtedly the cheapest way of buying stamps, particularly when they are "sealed" kilos—delivered, that is to say, bearing the unbroken government seal, showing that they have not been picked

THE BOTTOM- The stamp dealer LESS PIT who trys to stock everything still

exists, but for shorter and shorter periods. He is inevitably pushed aside by the dealer who tries to stock nothing and only has in stock what he has not been able to sell, either at a profit or even cost. Granted that the sale of stamps cannot be forced in the sense that necessary articles can because the market is more precarious; far too many dealers hold onto stock and by grasping at the shadow of large profits lose the substance of small ones oft repeated. Stock in the stamp trade can be made a bottomless pit which will absorb both capital and profits if it is not rigor-ously curbed. The Micawbers who are always hoping that a customer will turn up should place a time limit upon his appearance and cut their losses if he does not materialize. Stock is worth nothing until turned into money, and the atti-tude that whether it sells or not it will appreciate in value is merely the lazy man's delusion. Stock is bought for re-sale, and its utility must be judged by the frequency with which it can be turned over. Investments are an entirely sep-

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The pricing of buros proposition seems to be causing no little stir. We receive comment mostly from collectors who are in favor of retaining the present price method. However we did hear from a large exclusive buro dealer, M. R. Lamp-son & Co., of Fresno, Calif. Mr. Lampson comes out solid for the net pricing plan. What is your opinion?

M. R. Lampson also forwards an interesting strip of three Fort Worth, Texas old type coils, the 2c value. One of which is the drop-ped "x" type and is shown as ap-pearing the second stamp to the left of the normal gap. We know of two values of this variety the 11/2 and 2c. Who has seen the 1c?

The news is out that the buro The news is out that the buro will rotary press all values below the dollar. In fact we have seen the 17 and 25c values offered already. What is in the offing for the buro collector? Will they buro print values beyond the 10 center? Will the various post offices be interested in 500,000 thirty or fifty cent stamps? It's a lotta money.

Then again we may have the special deliveries printed on the rotary press and buro printed. That too would be an interesting possibility.

We have been digging up many interesting oddities during the summer season and when cool weather comes this way, we hope to have ambition enough to write them up.

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An exceedingly interesting can cellation is submitted by Frank E. Bean of Lulu, Michigan. Mr. Bean states that the cover which he submits was sent from Oberlungwitz, Saxony. The postmark advertises the town. In the center is pictured a pair of hose. The inscription around this picture reads, "Oberlungwitz Weltberuhmt fur Qualitatstrumfe", which means "Oberlungwitz, world famed for quality hose". Oberlungwitz is a textile center near Chemnitz, in Saxony, Germany.

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Without any public notice except that appearing in the Postal Bulletin of July 31st, service on the new F. A. M. No. 12, from Bangor, Maine to St. Johns, N. B. and Halifax, Nova Scotia, was opened in the northbound direction on August 1st., the same day A. M. No. 1 was extended from Boston to Bangor. Earlier information indicated that passenger service would be inaugurated and evidently the P. O. Dept. decided very suddenly to utilize same for the transportation of mail. The quantity carried for collectors must have been small. The fact that collectors did not get some notice of the event, is probably due to the illness of W. Irving Glover, the the collectors' friend. No catchet was provided at Bangor, and we have not heard as yet of the inauguration of southbound service on the route. Perhaps the Ca-nadian Dept. will delay long enough for philatelists to get covers carried.

Trans-Atlantics

Boardman and Poland were successful in their non-stop flight of around 5000 miles from New York to Istanbul, Turkey, and news dispatches stated that a packet of letters were dropped by them over Le Bourget Field, Paris, but farther than that we have no information of covers carried on this epoch-making flight. Decollector know about this? Does any

On the Hillis-Hoiriis flight to Denmark we learn that 643 covers were carried, 607 of which have been returned, of which there are evidently three distinct types. 1st for the christening of the "Liberty" plane on May 24th. 250 covers with Von Steuben or Charleston stamps were mailed at Liberty N. Y. then carried by the fliers and backstamped at Copenhagen on July 3rd and then remailed with a Danish stamp to Liberty. 2nd 156 were mailed at Liberty the day of the take-on, wise the same. 3rd 227 were stamps. These the day of the take-off, and otherare surely worthy of place in any collection.

National Air Races

It is now time that your covers for Aviation's National Classic should have been sent to Mr. Emsley, Cachet Director, Hotel Cleveland, or an order sent him for the set provided by the Air Race Association.

The Transcontinental Air Derby will start from Santa Monica, Cal. on Aug. 23rd, and fly as follows. Calexico, Cal. overnite, Phoenix, Ariz. stop, Tuscon, Ariz. stop, Douglas, Ariz. overnite, Dennison and Roswell, N. Mex. stops, Lub-bock, Texas, stop, Amarillo, Texas, overnite, Enid, Okla. stop, Bar-telsville, Okla. overnite, the half way point, and the remainder we cannot give at this time.

A cachet for the start of the race at Santa Monica, Cal. will be provided, and covers should be sent to J. T. Nicholson, 516 So. Pacific Ave., Glendale, Cal. and should reach him by Aug. 20th. We presume others will also be

provided, especially we think our good collector friends at Bartlesville, Okla. will take care of that city. Send to Vallee Mae Harris, Box 443.

Post and Gatty

The Round the World boys will be at San Francisco, Cal. on Aug. 26th, and John D. Long has promised to care for covers sent to him at 3326 Fulton St. They will visit Los Angeles, Cal. on Aug. 28, and J. T. Nicholson, 516 So. Pacific Ave., Glendale, Cal. will handle covers. Reports also state that they will be at San Diego, Cal. on Aug. 28th, and a cachet will be provided. Send to the Chamber of Commerce there. When they are at Seattle, Wash., A. C. Tarr,

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Aug. 1st, they were at Charleston, W. Va., and Aug. 2nd, at Cincinnati, and nice cachets were used at both cities.

New Haven, Conn. airport will be dedicated August 29th, and if enough covers are sent to the Board of Airport Commissioners a marking will probably be provided.

Louise G. Vamos, Cleveland Aviatrix gave an Aeronautic Exhibition at Grand Rapids, Mich., Aug. 2, and a very nice cachet was applied to about 30 covers, according to friend L. B. Wood.

About 800 Post & Gatty covers were mailed at Cincinnati.

Christofferson Airport at Portland, Oregon, will be dedicated on Sept. 6th and 7th, and a good cachet will be provided. Covers to Jack E. Allen, 601 Wilcox Building.

A special air mail cachet will be applied at Cassopolis, Mich., on August 21. There will be three varieties of cachet. Send covers today to go to Mr. Searth Inglis. Co-operators

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on hree Information regarding precancels and notes of interest should be sent direct to the Editors of this column.

LAWRENCE BROTHERS, Editors Anamosa, lowa

During the past week a number of large precancel collections have come upon the market from owners who are big enough to stave off these 'bear raids" and prices have

held all along the line.

Mr. Webster of Chicago was a recent visitor and he remarked that his precancel collection of 13,000 varieties had cost him \$250.00. He added, he had refused \$400.00 for it. He told us about a firm which employs 12 girls to cut

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precancels from their incoming mail and they sell them to dealers by the pound. It seems to us, the by the pound. It seems to us, the precancel buying public is doing

its share to give employment.

The collecting of precancels has always seemed to us a hobby enjoyed by the mature collectors. That is, the individual was a stamp collector, and in some manner heard about the hobby of collecting U. S. stamps with the "city" can-cellations upon them. These "city" stamps took his fancy and he became a precancel fan.

Mr. R. H. Kinney, Sec. of the Y. M. C. A. of Staunton, Va., writes that many of his boy friends are collecting precancels and it seems the how can get as much high the boys can get as much kick from precancels from Walla Walla, Wash., as they can from triangles from Cape of Good Hope.

The big idea that induces people to turn to collecting precancels is the fact that they come on their daily mail, which saves "buying daily mail, which saves "buying stamps", and presents the opportunity of picking up some choice stamps wherever mail may be found. For example, if you find a circular letter from Liberty, Mo. with a 1½c bureau print precancel upon it, enter \$75.00 in your cheek book. check book.

Our column the week has been our column the version with various subjects. Perhaps a "hit and miss" column, dealing with various subjects. Perhaps the big reason is due to the fact that we are bound for a week's fishing and stamping in Minnesota. Next week, then, we will have some big tales to tell about the fish and precancels which, "perhaps", didn't get away.

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It is quite a coincidence that at this reception there were present three 33rd degree Masons, Roland K. Mason, Fred Galloway and Mr. Bliss. The first two gentlemen are residents of Jamestown and Mr. Bliss is a former resident of Chautauqua County, thus the three men represented all the 33rd degree Masons that hail from Chautauqua County, truly a notable gathering. Mr. Roscoe B. Martin sends a

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One of the most interesting and instructive things will be the exhibition of precancels. In addition to the precancels on display, there will also be a large section of other branches of U. S. collecting. This section is being arranged by the New Jersey Federation of Stamp Clubs and some very fine prize winning displays will be shown. Collectors in and around New York should mark one of the days on their calendar and be sure and drop into the Hotel McAlpin to look the show over.

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